

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of USSN: 09/923,963

Group Art Unit: **1745 (expected)**

Serial Number: **Unassigned**

Examiner: **Susy N. Tsang (expected)**

Filed: **February 26, 2004**

For: **MANUFACTURING METHOD OF A METAL HYDRIDE ALKALINE  
STORAGE CELL (As Amended)**

Attorney Docket No.: **981032B**

Customer No.: 38834

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

February 26, 2004

Sir:

Prior to calculating the fees in this application and examination on the merits,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Arguments/Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.